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DEQ to participate in Ascension Parish Household Hazardous Materials Day, September 24

BATON ROUGE – The Ascension Parish Household Hazardous Materials Collection Day and Paint Swap will be held on Saturday, Sept, 24, from 9 am – 1 pm. Ascension Parish residents can bring household hazardous materials and leftover paint to Lamar-Dixon Expo Center, 9039 St. Landry Road, Gonzales. A valid Ascension Parish ID will be required.

DEQ employees will man the latex paint swap area taking in reusable paint and mixing it in five-gallon containers. The objective of the swap is to recycle unused paint. The paint is collected, screened and blended by DEQ volunteers. The reusable paint is then sent to the Salvation Army in Ascension Parish.

No commercial waste will be accepted, but Ascension Parish residents are invited to drop off household hazardous materials, paint, paint thinner, florescent bulbs, batteries, auto products, metallic mercury, tires(limit five), electronic equipment and lawn and garden products and more. HHMCD will not accept explosives, radioactive materials, medical waste, asbestos, high school lab waste, commercial governmental waste, newspapers, cardboard, magazines, aluminum cans, plastic and glass and hurricane or woody waste. To find a complete list of what will and will not be accepted go to www.ascensionparish.net .

“DEQ employees have volunteered to assist with the Ascension Parish HHMD,” said Judy Schuerman, DEQ coordinator for the event. “DEQ employees work with the paint swap and rescue many gallons of paint for reuse.”

The collection day is a collaborative effort between the Ascension Parish government, Keep America Beautiful, DEQ and many other partners. For more information about paint disposal and common potentially hazardous materials in the home, go to the DEQ Web site at www.deq.louisiana.gov. For more information on the Ascension Household Hazardous Materials Collection Day, contact Terance Irvin at 225-621-5730.